



H.Res. 822– Recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 822 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA) on November 13, 2007. The legislation was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Res. 822 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 5, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 822 recognizes the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles, which is the Nation's largest container port. The legislation congratulates the Port of Los Angeles for its achievements as a leader throughout its history in implementing modern and innovative transportation and movement of goods that are compatible with responsible environmental stewardship.

Additionally, H.Res. 822 wishes the Port of Los Angeles continued success during its next 100 years as it strives to remain the Nation's largest and most successful conveyor of commerce.

BACKGROUND

On December 9, 1907, the Los Angeles City Council approved City Ordinance No. 15621, creating the Board of Harbor Commissioners and officially founding the Port of Los Angeles.

The Port was involved in World War II on a massive scale, with every vessel building operation assisting in the construction, conversion and repair of boats and ships for the war effort. Shipbuilding quickly became the Port of Los Angeles's prime economic activity, with California Shipbuilding Corp., Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Consolidated Steel Corp., Todd Shipyards and other enterprises collectively employing more than 90,000 workers.

The Port of Los Angeles is located in San Pedro Bay, California, and is part of the Southern California port complex which handles more than 43 percent of all goods arriving in the United States, impacting over 1,000,000 jobs nationwide.

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